

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Updates

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Public Safety Interoperable
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Agenda



- June Meeting Highlights

- Interoperable Channels Plan Updates/AIRS SOP Updates
- Phoenix Fire Request for the use of UTAC channels
- City of Mesa Monitoring of AIRS
- Update from the NIMS-CU Workgroup
- Other Items – Broadband; PSIC Project Updates

- Plans for August SIEC Meeting

Interoperable Channels Plan & Related AIRS SOP Updates



- The SIEC has asked the Working Group to address the following:
 - Align the Interoperable Channel Plan with the newly published NIFOG version 1.4 including adding tactical repeater pairs
 - Make recommendations for the monitoring of National Interoperable Channels
- Additionally, the NECP Goal 2 events and related outreach have resulted in a lot of user questions/feedback. The Working Group is also considering changes based on these requests/issues.
- Progress was discussed and feedback was given by SIEC.
- The Workgroup will refine their recommendations based on SIEC's feedback and bring an updated Plan to the SIEC for approval in August.
- We will provide a detailed report at the next PSCC Meeting.

Phoenix Fire Request for the Use of UTAC Channels



- The EMSCOM system will no longer be utilized in the Phoenix Metro area.
- The equipment is capable of being converted to transmit/receive the National Interoperable UTAC channels.
- Phoenix Fire, DPS and the Channel Plan Workgroup are all in agreement that use of UTAC will enhance our interoperable capability.
- Phoenix Fire requested and received an approval letter from the SIEC (for submittal to the City of Phoenix IT Department) regarding approval of use of the UTAC frequencies by Phoenix Fire.

City of Mesa Monitoring AIRS



- We are very pleased to announce that the City of Mesa PSAP has agreed to monitor AIRS for both Mesa TOPAZ and the RWC.
- Monitoring commenced on Friday June 24th at 11:30 AM
- This is a big step forward for AIRS in Maricopa County.
- Thank you to the City of Mesa.

Background: COML Recognition



- The SIEC with support from its Communications Unit Working Group developed a COML Recognition Program that was:
 - Approved by SIEC on May 18, 2010
 - Approved by PSCC on July 20, 2010
- The Recognition Program is available online:
http://www.azgita.gov/psic/library/standards/Arizona_Regional_COML_Recognition_07202010.pdf
- On August 17, 2010, the SIEC formed the NIMS Communications Unit (NIMS-CU) Workgroup, approved its Policies and Procedures and appointed its members:
http://www.azgita.gov/psic/library/coml/NIMS-CU_Policies_and_Procedures.pdf

NIMS-CU Workgroup Progress



- The NIMS-CU Workgroup convened on May 16, 2011 for its first Arizona Regional COML Application Review Meeting.
- 2 applications were considered but neither applicant was granted recognition.
- A letter with the Workgroup's observations and recommendations was sent to each applicant and copied to their Agency Certifying Official.
- Applicants were urged to pursue additional training and experience and encouraged to resubmit revised application materials for future consideration.

NIMS-CU Process Tuning



- The Workgroup also requested feedback from the SIEC on possible refinements to its policies and procedures.
- The SIEC and Workgroup concluded that the following items may need to be more clearly defined:
 - Scope of the Recognition Program
 - » Purpose of the application review process
 - » Workgroup's level of authority
 - Criteria for evaluating application materials
 - Implications of Local Agency Certification
- NIMS-CU Workgroup will develop some recommended policy / procedure changes to present at the August SIEC meeting

Plans for Next SIEC Meeting



- August 16, 2011, 10 AM to 12 PM
- ADOA 3rd Floor Conf Rm, 100 N. 15th Avenue, Phx, AZ 85007
- Approval Items:
 - Recommended Updates to Interoperable Channels Plan & the AIRS SOP
 - Recommended Updates from NIMS-CU Workgroup to:
 - » COML Recognition Policy
 - » NIMS-CU Workgroup Policies & Procedures
 - » AZ Communications Unit Training Coordination Procedure
- Guest Speaker: Brian Craig, Omaha PD – Sharing his experiences with NECP Goals 1 and 2 and Annual College World Series

Plans for August SIEC Meeting (cont.)



- Information & Discussion Items:

- Communications Unit Program Update – Suesan Nordman, PSIC; Della Kemp - ADEM
 - » COML Task Book/Recognition Status
 - » COML Training Survey
 - » COML Training Schedule
- CASM Protocols Project
- Highlights from the 2011 APCO Conference & Expo (August)
- PSIC Office – Multiple Project Updates



Questions?
Discussion

Thank You!